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Q. How was your meeting?

A. We had a very good meeting with Vice President Ford. Very good, very congenial. We talked about steps that we have underway to implement the treaty. We had very satisfactory discussions, things are going smoothly and Vice President Ford and I both agreed that on a step-by-step basis we're moving along very well.

Q. What about the withdrawal of troops?

A. The withdrawal of troops is proceeding according to schedule. We will, in fact, be transferring the 193d Infantry Brigade out within a few months and I will be reviewing this with General McCaffrey the steps in doing that.

Q. What is the purpose for your trip to Honduras?

A. I was here primarily to meet with General McCaffrey and the Southern Command and to review with him, among other things, the plans for transferring U.S. troops, phasing down the U.S. troops, as it complies with the canal treaty.

I also wanted to review the U.S. troops that are here. I meet with, go to all of our commands throughout the world and this is just one of the trips to meet with our troops.

Q. What do you think about renegotiation of the Panama Canal Treaty?

A. We're in the process of implementing the treaty, not renegotiating it.

I'm going have to be on my way now, I have an appointment in Honduras.